

1 **A STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

2 Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an
3 interview with Applicant's representative, Dillon Murphy, on October 7, 2008.

4 During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed the 35 U.S.C
5 112, second paragraph, rejection of claim 9, the prior art, and the instant
6 application. In particular, Examiner Lee suggested removing features in claim 9
7 referring to "a first material suited to support the fuel cell stack," and "a second
8 material not suited to support the fuel cell stack," to obviate the 35 U.S.C. 112
9 rejection of claim 9.

10 Additionally, Examiner Lee suggested amending the claims to reflect the
11 cantilevered construction of the current collector, seen in figure 1 of the instant
12 application. Examiner Lee stated the amendment is supported by the
13 specification, would overcome the prior art of record, and additionally stated this
14 feature was tentatively allowable, but that further search and consideration may be
15 indicated.

16 In the interest of expediting prosecution of the application, and without
17 conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant's representative proposes to
18 amend the independent claim to further clarify features of Applicant's claimed
19 subject matter.

20 Accordingly, Applicant's representative amends the independent claim
21 herein, as discussed during the interview. In view of the amendments and
22 discussion at interview, the Applicant's representative respectfully submits that all
23 of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.
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